



Tommy Dean Atchley

August 4, 1947 - December 30, 2012

Tommy Dean Atchley, 65 of Toney, Alabama died on Sunday, December 30, 2012. Born Monday, August 4, 1947 in Fayetteville, Tennessee, he was the son of the late Howard Atchley and Pearlle Leona Clark Atchley. He had lived in the Toney area for the past 25 years. He was also preceded in death by a brother: Larry Atchley. He was a Veteran of the US Air Force, serving during the Vietnam era. He was a great father and loved his grandchildren. Surviving are daughter, Tonia (Joseph) Kent of Toney, AL, sisters, Joyce Atchley of Taft, TN and Linda (David) Lankford of Ardmore, AL, grandchildren: Tyler Kent and Colby Kent, both of Toney, AL. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama with Bro. Harold Boggs officiating. Burial will be in Blanche Cemetery, Blanche, TN. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama.

Tribute Wall

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“ To my dearest family, > some things I'd like to say. > But first of all, to let you know, > that I arrived okay. > > I'm writing this from the Bridge. > Here I dwell with God above. > Here there's no more tears of sadness. > Here is just eternal love. > > Please do not be unhappy > just because I'm out of sight. > Remember that I am with you > every morning, noon and night. > > That day I had to leave you > when my life on earth was through, > God picked me up and hugged me > and He said, "I welcome you. > > It's good to have you back again, > you were missed while you were gone. > As for your dearest family, > They'll be here later on." > > God gave me a list of things, > that he wished for me to do. > And foremost on the list, > was to watch and care for you. > > And when you lie in bed at night > the day's chores put to flight, > God and I are closest to you... > in the middle of the night. > > When you think of my life on earth, > and all those loving years, > because you are only human, > they are bound to bring you tears. > > But do not be afraid to cry > it does relieve the pain. > Remember there would be no flowers, > unless there was some rain. > > I wish that I could tell you > all that God has planned. > If I were to tell you, > you wouldn't understand. > > But one thing is for certain, > though my life on earth is o'er. > I'm closer to you now, > than I ever was before. > > There are rocky roads ahead of you > and many hills to climb; > But together we can do it > by taking one day at a time. > > It was always my philosophy > and I'd like it for you too; > That as you give unto the world, > the world will give to you. > > If you can help somebody > who's in sorrow and pain; > Then you can say to God at night... > "My day was not in vain." > > And now I am contented... > that my life was worthwhile. > Knowing as I passed along > I made somebody smile. > > God says: "If you meet somebody > who is sad and feeling low; > Just lend a hand to pick him up, > as on your way you go. > > When you're walking down the street > with me on your mind; > I'm walking in your footsteps > only half a step behind." > > "And when it's time for you to go... > from that body to be free. > Remember you're not going... > you're coming here to me."

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers for God to give you courage, faith, peace. Earths' loss is surely Heavens' gain. God Bless you. ~~~~~
When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye, For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much yet to do, It seemed almost impossible, That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for awhile, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said "This is eternity, And all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, But here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. But you have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things, You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you take my hand And share my life with me? So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart. Earths' loss is Heavens' gain. May God be with you.

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